

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Symphony of Service Day”*

*WHEREAS, this is the 91<sup>st</sup> year of volunteer service provided by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, the 634,404 members represent the families of men and women who have sacrificed for America by protecting our freedom on foreign soil; and*

*WHEREAS, the organization supports active-duty troops now serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait by sending care packages, providing Operation Uplink long-distance calling cards, and helping their families at home; and*

*WHEREAS, year after year members volunteer more than 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and raise more than \$3 million to support cancer research; and*

*WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of this country’s most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and*

*WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech and volunteerism; and*

*WHEREAS, the members teach America’s young people about patriotism, the responsibilities of citizenship, and our veterans’ sacrifices, and encourage them to volunteer in their communities thereby ensuring that future generations will preserve our American way of life; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2004-2005 National President, JoAnne M. Ott, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, Symphony of Service; and*

*WHEREAS, January 31, 2005, will be a time to celebrate her visit to Augusta, Georgia.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2005, as “SYMPHONY OF SERVICE DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, in honor of National President JoAnne M. Ott and all members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for their outstanding volunteer service to veterans and their families, the City of Augusta, and our great country.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2005.*

*Mayor*